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SUBJ: BELGRADE MEETING: POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S CALL FOR
"POSITIVE" APPROACH

1. THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE POLISH
INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS WAS MARKED BY A SYMPOSIUM
ON THE SUBJECT "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE: THEORY AND PRACTICE"
(MAY 27-28), ATTENDED BY A LARGE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS FROM EASTERN AND WESTERN EUROPE AND NORTH
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AMERICA (THE U.S. COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS WAS NOT REPRESENT-
ED). THE SYMPOSIUM WAS OPENED MAY 27 BY POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER
EMIL WOJTASZEK, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM THE MOSCOW MEETING OF
WARSAW PACT FOREIGN MINISTERS, AT WHICH STRATEGY FOR BELGRADE
WAS DISCUSSED.

2. WOJTASZEK'S SPEECH WAS UNREMARKABLE. HE REFERRED IN PASSING

TO "ATTEMPTS BY VARIOUS PROPAGANDA CENTERS AND COLD-WAR FORCES TO TORPEDO THE PROCESS OF DETENTE THROUGH AN ANTI-SOCIALIST CAMPAIGN, INSPIRED AND CARRIED OUT ON A BROAD SCALE, IN WHICH THE CSCE FINAL ACT AND, IN PARTICULAR, ITS SEVENTH PRINCIPLE, DEALING WITH HUMAN RIGHTS, ARE USED AS AN INSTRUMENT OF POLITICAL MANIPULATION," BUT THERE WERE NO SPECIFICS. FOLLOWING A LONG PASSAGE IN WHICH HE CONTENDED THAT "POLAND HAS ACTED AND WILL CONTINUE TO ACT VIGOROUSLY TO GUARANTEE THE BASIC RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES," WOJTASZEK ADDED, "WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, PRESENT OURSELVES IN THIS OR ANY OTHER MATTER AS THE MENTORS OF ANY OTHER NATION."

3. THE BURDEN OF THE SPEECH WAS A PLEA FOR A "POSITIVE" APPROACH TO THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE. "THIS WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE EXCHANGE OF POSITIVE EXPERIENCES IN REALIZING THE PROVISIONS OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT AND FOR CONCRETE ACTION ON CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND BROADEN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. ALL THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE BELGRADE MEETING HAVE A COMMON GOAL: HOW TO GIVE EVER MORE CONCRETE AND TANGIBLE FORM TO THE PROGRAM OF SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, WHICH WAS OUTLINED AT HELSINKI. AS THE RESULT OF MANY DISCUSSIONS AND CONTACTS, A COMMON, CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TO THE BELGRADE MEETING IS DEVELOPING: NOT THE REVISION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE CSCE FINAL ACT, BUT THE SEARCH FOR WAYS AND MEANS OF REALIZING IT; NOT RECIPROCAL ACCUSATIONS, BUT A BUSINESSLIKE EXCHANGE OF POINTS OF VIEW, WITH THE PURPOSE OF INTENSIFYING THE PROCESS OF DETENTE, STRENGTHENING SECURITY, AND DEVELOPING COOPERATION IN EUROPE. ONLY ON THIS BASIS CAN THE MEETING ATTAIN GOOD RESULTS."

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4. FOLLOWING THE MINISTER'S SPEECH, AMBASSADOR MARIAN DOBROSIELSKI, DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE AND HEAD OF THE POLISH DELEGATION TO THE BELGRADE JUNE MEETING, TOLD ME THAT IT EMBODIED THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE MOSCOW MEETING. I NOTED THAT IT SEEMED TO BE A PLEA FOR A SORT OF ARMISTICE IN THE "IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE" FOR THE DURATION OF THE BELGRADE MEETINGS. DOBROSIELSKI GAVE SILENT ASSENT TO THIS NOTION. HE WAS, HOWEVER, EMBARRASSED WHEN THE NATO AND OTHER EUROPEAN AMBASSADORS (SPAIN, YUGOSLAVIA) WHO ATTENDED ASKED HIM WHY NONE OF THEIR EASTERN EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES WAS PRESENT FOR WHAT HE CONTENDED WAS SO SIGNIFICANT A STATEMENT. DAVIES

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